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Three New December Exhibitions at The BCA Center Feature Over 40 Vermont and Regional Artists

Burlington, VT: (December 4, 2013) Burlington City Arts is excited to announce three new exhibitions opening on Friday, December 13th at The BCA Center on Church Street in Burlington, featuring over 40 artists in various mediums from Vermont and the surrounding area. There will be an opening reception for all three exhibitions on Friday, December 13th, from 5-8pm, and all shows run through January 8th, 2014. On the first floor of the BCA Center, *Once They Were*, is a group silkscreen exhibition organized by New Duds screen printer Torrey Valyou, featuring 15 artists exploring the theme of "the past." On the first and second floor is, *Local: A Winter Art Sale*, featuring over 14 artists from the BCA Art Sales and Leasing program – all work is available for cash and carry. And, also on the second floor of The BCA Center is a partnership between BCA and Burlington's Peace and Justice Center, featuring a group exhibition with 12 artists entitled *Reference For Radicals*, where featured work was inspired by terms related to activism.

Once They Were

Once They Were is an invitational group exhibition featuring tri-color prints designed by 15 different artists. BCA's Print Studio partnered with Torrey Valyou of New Duds printing to ask artists to explore the idea of nostalgia, the past, and of things that once graced this earth. From animals to pop culture be prepared for a visual romp through images of old-

school Mario, dinosaurs, symbols of relationships that are no longer, historic images of the Winooski Falls, or Laika (the Soviet space dog). Featured Artists: PJ Devilliers, Matt Morris, Patt Kelley, Torrey Valyou, Cristin Denight, Annemarie Buckley, Hillary Glass, Josie Sourdiffe, Chris Varricchione, Abby Manock, Jason Snyder, Dale Donaldson, Jackson Tupper, Matthew Douglas, Grace Weaver

Local: A Winter Sale

Local: A Winter Sale features affordable works by Vermont artists including: Wendy James, Sandy Berbeco, Tom Cullins, Susan Larkin, Kari Meyer, Johanne Durocher Yordan, Roger Coleman, Michael Strauss, Phil Laughlin, Leslie Fry, James Vogler, Paige Berg Rizvi, Leah Van Rees, Mary Zompetti and more. These artists participate in the BCA Art Sales and Leasing program, and are part of an ever growing database of local artists that rotate through public exhibitions spaces in the Burlington area, such as the Burlington City Hall Gallery, The Maltex Building on Pine Street, Fletcher Allen Heath Care and many more. All work featured in the exhibition is available for purchase and carry, with proceeds supporting local artists and BCA's gallery education scholarship fund.

Reference For Radicals

The *Reference for Radicals* project is a partnership between the Peace & Justice Center, Burlington City Arts, independent activists, and local artists. The project strives to educate, support, and empower aspiring activists through its booklet of definitions of terms used in movement building and original art. Each piece is inspired by a term in the booklet and is an expression of the artist's experiences, beliefs, and ideas. The intention of the show is to reach out to the community, creating connections, tugging the heartstrings, and encouraging people to be peacemakers, advocates, and instruments of social change. For more information visit www.pjcv.org. Participating Artists: Carmen Solari, Gregg Blasdel, Danielle Berg, Hillary Glass, Jerry Geier, George Gonzalez, Tasha Kramer-Melnick, Alexandra Turner, Daniel LeFrancois, Ben Aleshire, Carol E.S. MacDonald, Andrea E.M. Swan

The December BCA Center exhibitions are an important part of Burlington City Arts, celebrating over 30 years of supporting the arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. The exhibition year is underwritten by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. Long Trail Brewing, Otter Creek Brewing, and Wolavers Organics are proud sponsors of BCA Center exhibitions and events. Special thanks to the Vermont Art Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.ORG.

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